

Mountviews

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Hard to Say

There are some things in life that, no matter how hard I try or how many times they happen, I can just never seem to get used to. Things like watching the Philadelphia Phillies lose a baseball game or trying to eat beets, which were my grandmother's favorite vegetable. Both are the worst, every single time.

When it comes to church life, what I do not think I will ever grow comfortable with is watching people leave. They could be exiting the church because they need something that Mountview does not provide, or because they joined the military, or because they are moving to another part of the country for school or work or to be closer to their family. Still, it is hard to say goodbye to people you genuinely love and care about regardless of why they are leaving or where they go.

This summer has been one of those times in the life of our church where an incredible number of people have all left Mountview at about the same time. Some I had the chance to hug and tell them how much I would miss them before they departed and others I did not. While I am not generally good at saying goodbye, I thought I would take a few moments and do just that.

Luke & Kate Fitzwater: Luke lives in Indianapolis where he runs a heating and cooling business with his father. Kate was attending Veterinarian school here at Ohio State and just graduated. Luke has been driving to Columbus every weekend so they could be together and they have been attending Mountview during her time here at OSU.

Job & Amy Morales: Amy is active in the Air Force and just finished a year-long program here at Ohio State. They will be moving home to Texas where Amy will continue in the Air Force and Job, a recent graduate from seminary, will begin serving in the local church.

Cory & Allison Strunk: Married here at Mountview, both Cory and Allison have family in the Atlanta area and just moved there 3 weeks ago. Allison already landed a job and Cory is looking for work while unpacking their belongings and attending interviews.

Gabe & Jenny Watt: Also married here at Mountview, Gabe and Jenny are in the process of moving to California so Gabe can attend culinary school this fall. Gabe and Jenny drove through Reno, Nevada the week after I was there to visit Pastor Brian on the way.

Tim Carlson: Tim is originally from my home church in Collingswood, New Jersey and just graduated from Ohio State with an engineering degree. Tim will be heading to the University of Michigan for graduate school this fall. Tim was a member of our college group and served on our Sunday morning AV team.

Nick & Angie Merrick: Nick was offered a wonderful promotion with his company which has their headquarters in Denver. Therefore, a couple of d-groups packed them up back in late July and they moved to Colorado. While on my way back from Nevada two weeks ago to

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Announcements

George and Carol Hall continue to be thankful for the cards and phone messages from members of the caring family that is Mountview. They have been uplifting and encouraging as we adjust and heal from George's sudden eye accident. May God bless your thoughtful caring and prayers!

Golf Outing to benefit Lower Lights Ministries will be held on Friday, September 10 in Mount Vernon, Ohio. All proceeds will go to support this ministry. Cost is \$65 per person or \$260 per team. The deadline to register is September 3. For more information or to register, contact Meredith Nash (228.3855 or mnash@lowerlights.org) or visit their website (www.lower-lights.org).

Launch Sunday We will resume our regular worship schedule of two worship services at 9am and 11am on Sunday, September 12. Come out to the church for food, games, and fellowship that afternoon from 4–8pm as we celebrate the beginning of the new church year. Please contact Barry Koestler (outreach@mountview.org) to help serve at this event or for more information.

Bell choir members needed Our bell choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 15 at 6:15pm in the sanctuary. Please call Beth Snider (457.5214) to find out more about this opportunity to serve.

Join us for our Meet Mountview Luncheon Sunday, September 19, immediately following the 11am worship service. We welcome all of those who are new to the church to come and meet your new church family. We will meet downstairs in the fellowship hall for lunch and a time of connecting, learning about the church, and meeting the leadership. Contact Lynn Swonger (office@mountview.org) to RSVP.

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see Pastor Brian Minnes, I had plans to spend the day in Denver visiting my friend from seminary, Brian Henderson, who pastors the Calvary Baptist Church in Denver. So Brian and I headed over to see Nick and Angie late on a Wednesday evening so I could check in on the Merrick family, see their new home, pray with them, and introduce them to Pastor Brian in the hopes of helping them find a new church home.

Friends, Mountview will miss you all very much, me especially. Thank you for allowing us to walk through this life with you during the time you were here. We are the better for it. It was a joy to worship and serve the Lord with each one of you. Know you will always have true family through the blood of Jesus Christ here in Columbus and we look forward to our paths crossing again in the future.

Lord,

We pray for our brothers and sisters who have moved from Mountview. We praise you for the opportunity to partner with them in ministry as we sought to love you and one another. Help them to continue to walk in your ways, obey your commands, and find a new place of worship where they can both be and make disciples for you. May their eyes be opened to your leading and may your plan for their lives continue to unfold before them in such a way that they would see, comprehend, and eagerly follow it and you all the days of their lives. We lift these, your people, up to you now. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Missing you all and looking forward to returning to you on September 7.

In His Love,
Pastor Kevin

Message from Pastor Kurt

I trust that the series has been helpful as you continue to work on developing a deeper relationship with God through prayer. During week four of our series, I challenged you to be considering how you can be praying for something big, and to be spending more time praying for more than just the minutia of life. In doing so, if you are still finding it hard to know what to be praying for then I trust the following list will be helpful to you and your prayers. Below, I have listed all of Paul's prayers from the New Testament. If you don't know what to pray for or find yourself struggling in prayer, then this list can be a great first step.

The specific verses listed below are in reference to Paul's specific prayer. I would encourage you to not only read the verses, but also take a look at the greater context of the passage to determine why Paul made His request known to God. Then consider how you can be praying for the same thing to happen in your life, and in the lives of those around you.

Pastor Kurt

A complete list of Paul's prayer

Romans 1:8-10	Philippians 4:23
Romans 10:1	Colossians 1:3-14
Romans 12:12	Colossians 4:2-4
Romans 15:5-6	1 Thessalonians 1:2-3
Romans 15:13	1 Thessalonians 2:13-16
Romans 15:30-33	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
1 Corinthians 1:4-9	1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
1 Corinthians 16:23	1 Thessalonians 5:28
2 Corinthians 1:3-7	2 Thessalonians 1:3ff
2 Corinthians 2:14-16	2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
2 Corinthians 9:12-15	2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
2 Corinthians 12:7-9a	2 Thessalonians 3:2-5
2 Corinthians 13:7-9	2 Thessalonians 3:16
Galatians 6:18	1 Timothy 1:12
Ephesians 1:3ff	1 Timothy 2:1ff
Ephesians 1:15-23	2 Timothy 1:3-7
Ephesians 3:14-21	2 Timothy 1:16-18
Ephesians 6:19-20	2 Timothy 4:22
Philippians 1:3-6	Titus 3:15b
Philippians 1:9-11	Philemon 1:4-7
Philippians 4:6-7	Philemon 1:25

Route 356 Traffic Report

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Vacation Bible School a success this year! We had over 100 children from all over Upper Arlington here with us learning all about how God's Word is true, comforting, surprising, life-changing, and for everyone! (Let's Go!) It would not be possible for us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with so many families without faithful people in the church willing to give their time and talents to serve Him in this way. Thank you again!

Launch Sunday

September 12 we will be kicking off our new ministry year here at Mountview with a celebration on the front lawn! Come join us from 4–8pm for food, fun, and fellowship! This is a great opportunity to get to know other families at Mountview and make connections with some of our preschool families as well!

Fall Service Project

This fall, we will be collecting and filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child again! All through September, families are asked to bring in empty shoeboxes from your house and drop them off in a plastic bin set up next to the check-in stations. In October, we will be collecting supplies and toys for the shoeboxes. In November, our kids will finish packing the shoeboxes and will pray over them before we drop them off to Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse will then send the shoeboxes all over the world to give hope and share the love of Christ with children who need Him. For more information about Operation Christmas Child, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

In Him,

Miss Sarah

Mountview Christian Preschool

School opened for the fall term on Monday, August 23. The Tiny Turtles' class of 2 1/2 years old, taught by Beth Knauer, opened with 7 members. The Little Lambs' class of 3 years olds, taught by Tami Parker, opened with 10 members. We have added a second class, the Little Lions, for 3 years old this year, taught by Amy Sherer which has 8 members. These three classes spent the week getting used to leaving mom and dad, learning to listen to and trust their teachers, making friends, and learning to share with others.

Our two classes of 4 year olds are, the Busy Bees, taught by Maya Ayers, with 13 members and the Friendly Frogs, taught by Suzie Jasper, with 11 members. They quickly established daily routines and are already working on their academic and social skills.

All 49 students enrolled attend for a minimum of three hours per day from 8:30–11:30am. Twenty-six of these students stay all day and we now have three nap rooms. Jenna Mann is an afternoon teacher and Darla Thomas is a classroom and office assistant. The all-day program runs from 7:30am–5:30pm. We have added an extra option this year making care available until 6:30pm for those who need the extra hour.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers and preschool staff who spent many hours preparing the preschool rooms for the new school year. Through a lot of hard work and effort everything came together for opening day with a facility that is welcoming and attractive. We have adopted The Creative Curriculum as part of our program this year and the staff is hard at work preparing lessons that align with the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards as well as incorporating the Bible lessons into the daily program.

Pam Larson, Director

Weekly ministries

Sunday

9am	Traditional worship
9am	Middle school d-group
11am	Contemporary worship
6pm	Women's precept Bible study
6pm	Element

Monday

1pm	BYKOTA Bible study
7pm	College d-group

Wednesday

9am	Women's Bible study
6:15pm	Bell choir rehearsal

Thursday

6:45pm	HS boys d-group
7pm	HS girls d-group
7:30pm	Chancel choir rehearsal

Friday

6:30am	Men's Bible study
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Saturday

9am	Worship team rehearsal
10am	Prayers and squares (third Saturday)

September birthdays

Lois Allen	02
Stephanie Cheng	02
Elizabeth Houk	07
Sara Vogt	07
Amelia Lee	09
Cori Snyder	09
Ryan VanBibber	14
Cheryl Scotney	15
Sally Ewan	16
Karen Scott	16
Pamela Mason	17
Amy Sherer	17
Tim Bowman	18
Amanda Reed	18
Millie Adin	20
Colby Richards	22
Walter Stillwagon	23
Evelyn McNally	25
Glenn Lewis	26
Doug Droz	27
Shirley Brown	28
Rob Suter	28

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